

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications  
and Energy on its own Motion to Develop a Long-Term Plan  
for Funding Enhanced 9-1-1 Service

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**PETITION TO INTERVENE  
OF THE  
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board ("SETB") hereby petitions the Department for leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding. As grounds for its Pétition, the SETB states as follows:

1. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 6A, Sections 18A through 18I, the SETB, which is within the Executive Office of Public Safety, is charged with the responsibility for coordinating and effecting the implementation of wireline Enhanced 9-1-1 ("E911") service, including the three disability access programs, and wireless E911 service, and administering such services in the Commonwealth, through, but not limited to, the promulgation of technical and operational standards in the design, implementation, and operation of public safety answering points in the Commonwealth that utilize the E911 network features, and the disbursement of funds from the E911

Funds. The business address of the SETB is 1380 Bay Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780-1088.

2. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 6A, Section 18H1/2, the Department is charged with establishing the surcharge for current funding of wireline E911 service. As set forth in that Section, this funding mechanism will continue until December 31, 2007. The Legislature also charged the Department with the responsibility to develop a long-term funding plan for E911, and directed the Department to consider any and all issues affecting the E911 system, including the equitable payment of the costs of the system by all its beneficiaries and the changes and projected changes in technology comprising the E911 system. Acts and Resolves of 2002, chapter 239, Section 3. Consistent with that mandate, on April 28, 2006, the Department opened the instant investigation to develop a long-term plan for funding wireline E911 service.

3. Since this investigation will address the future funding of wireline E911 service in the Commonwealth, and the Legislature has charged the SETB with the responsibility of coordinating, implementing, and administering wireline E911 service in Massachusetts, the SETB is substantially and specifically affected by the proceeding. Given the unique role of the SETB, no other party can adequately represent the interests of the SETB in this proceeding.

4. The SETB intends to participate fully in the case and will, as necessary, present comments, analyses, testimony, conduct discovery, cross-examine witnesses, and file briefs to protect its interests.


5. All correspondence and other communications regarding this proceeding should be served upon me and Frank P. Pozniak, General Counsel, SETB, 1380 Bay Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780-1088 ([frank.pozniak@state.ma.us](mailto:frank.pozniak@state.ma.us)).

**WHEREFORE**, for the above reasons, the SETB requests that the Department grant its petition to intervene in the proceeding with all the rights of participation as a full party.

Respectfully submitted,

Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board

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